

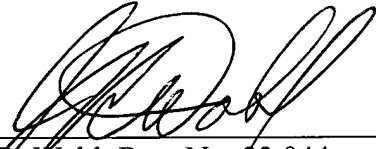
**Remarks:**

This preliminary amendment provides reference to a priority application which is now an issued patent. Further, claim 7 has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the term "bar ends". During my review I noted that there were two claims 7 originally filed. Accordingly the original claims following the first occurrence of claim 7 have been renumbered as claims 8, 9 and 10 respectively and their dependencies amended accordingly. Finally, new claims 11-16 have been added for consideration by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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